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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMBINING
PARTICULATE MATTER

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying information disclosure statement. Copies of the documents other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are enclosed.

The published patent documents listed in the information disclosure statement were cited to applicant in a notice of opposition that was filed in the corresponding European patent application and that was communicated to applicant's representative on August 27, 2010. A copy of the notice of opposition is included in the information disclosure statement. The publications are listed on numbered pages 3 and 4 of the notice of opposition.

EP 1737646 and WO 2005/090055 each claim priority of DE 102004012682. EP 1459871 claims priority of two of the three German patent applications of which priority is claimed by US 2004/0232583, which was cited in the Office action mailed June 2, 2009.

Also cited in the notice of opposition are WO 2005/011959 (the international publication pamphlet of this application), GB 0317387.9 (the British patent application of which priority is claimed by this application) and WO 01/38061, which was cited in the IDS filed January 13, 2006.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the examiner should initial the information disclosure statement to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the Office Action.

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